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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	4391st meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop Contributing Countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II.A

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

11 a.m.	5th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation [85] (A/56/46, A/C.4/56/L.5, UNSCEAR 2001 Report to the General Assembly (Hereditary Effects of Radiation))

General debate

*Action on draft resolution A/C.4/56/L.5**

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [27]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.11

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [108]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.2 and the amendments contained in document A/C.3/56/L.7; A/C.3/56/L.8, A/C.3/56/L.9 and A/C.3/56/L.10

3. Follow-up to the International year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.3, A/C.3/56/L.6, A/C.3/56/L.13 and A/C.3/56/L.14

4. Advancement of women [112] (A/56/3*, A/56/38/Rev.1, A/56/174, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/268, A/56/279, A/56/306, A/56/316, A/56/328, A/56/329, A/56/472*)

5. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender quality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113] (A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306, A/56/319 and Add.1)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 3

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/56/11 and Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/56/11 and Add.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT

Resumed third session

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2

Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Morning*- 12 noon	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Trade

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 2

Statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Increasing international financial cooperation for development through, inter alia, official development assistance

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	informal meeting	Conference Room 2

Preparations of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [3] (A/AC.257/25)

Consideration of draft outcome document: Debt

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* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting

** Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

HIGH-LEVEL SUMMIT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (HLSOC)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	1st meeting (closed)	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing disabled person and the family)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Recommendations on support for volunteering", organized by the delegations of Japan and the Netherlands, will be held *today*, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The draft has been sent by fax to all delegations. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 18 October 2001

ISLAMIC GROUP OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE
(at the expert level)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) and other matters)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(Second World Assembly on Ageing)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

AFRICAN GROUP
(meeting of the Least Developed countries)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a closed meeting of the MASON Group *(First Committee) today*, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) *today*, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 18 October 2001, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting on the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and the United Nations Standardized Instrument for Reporting Military Expenditures for working level delegates, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will take place *today*, 18 October 2001, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D. For any further information, please contact Mr. Nazir Kamal (tel: (212) 963-6195).

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Informal consultations

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction, organized by the delegations of Belgium, Nicaragua and Norway, will be held *today*, 18 October 2001, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to participate.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific, organized by the delegation of Nepal, *today*, 18 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations of interested delegations and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Illicit Trade in small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects organized by the delegation of Colombia, *today*, 18 October 2001, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 19 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210 OF 17 DECEMBER 1996

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 22 October 2001, at 10 a.m., Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will address the Second Committee on "The impact of the current slowdown on developing countries in an interdependent global economy". Following this address the Committee will hear an introductory statement by Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The Committee will also hear an introductory statement to draft resolution "Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), including the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund for poverty eradication" (A/C.2/56/L.5).

The Committee will then convert itself into informal consultations to consider draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.2, L.3 and L.4.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Human Genome", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the InterAcademy Council, on Friday, 19 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Michael Doyle, Special Advisor and Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, will serve as Moderator. Presentations will be made by Professor Bruce

Alberts; President of the National Academy of Sciences, Professor Eric S. Lander, Massachusetts Institute of Science and Technology; Dr. Nirmal Kumar Ganguly, Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research; Professor Arturo Falaschi, President, International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology; and Professor Ruichi Ida, Chairman of the International Bioethics Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Wednesday, 24 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., on Thursday, 25 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations, under the chairmanship of the Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr.Ivan Šimonovic (Croatia), on Monday, 22 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on the following pending issues under the general segment of the Economic and Social Council:

Allocation from the regular budget of the United Nations of resources for the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council (item 1) (E/2001/L.45)

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination [7 (a)] (E/2001/55, E/2001/43)

Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance (item 13 (k)) (A/56/127-E/2001/101 and E/2001/L.46)

Programme of Action for the Least developed countries (LDCs) (item 1) (A/CONF. 191/11)

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements (Habitat) (item 13 (d)) (A/56/8)

Report of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources for Development on its second session (item 13 (j)) (E/2000/32)

Report of the Committee for Development planning [13 (a)] (E/2001/33)

The Economic and Social Council will hold its resumed substantive session of 2001 on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 19 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council)* on Monday, 22 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda items 98 (a) to (e) and (g) (Environment and Sustainable Development))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 23 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be closed meetings of the MASON Group on 25 October 2001, 1 November and 8 November (time and conference room to be announced).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section Office of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs are organizing a Seminar: Deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters in New York. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Friday 19 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 11th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Ghana, Oman, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Moldova, Cameroon, Armenia, Turkey, Uganda, Pakistan, Kuwait and Eritrea, as well as by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Committee concluded its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items.

Statements were made in the exercise of the right of reply by the representatives of Iraq and Kuwait.

The deadline for submission of draft resolutions on all disarmament and international security agenda items is tomorrow, Thursday, 18 October 2001, at 6 p.m.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 8th meeting

Statements were made by the Chairman and the Committee Secretary.

Effects of Atomic Radiation [85]

The Chairman of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) introduced the report as well as the draft resolution on the item contained in document A/C.4/56/L.5.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements from the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA country member Norway), Ukraine, Belarus, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Japan.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. today.

The Committee decided, on the proposal by the Chairman, to conclude the general debate and take action on the draft resolution at its meeting tomorrow, 18 October 2001.

THIRD COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

International drug control [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of India, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Haiti, Morocco, Thailand, Belarus (also on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan), Turkey, Brunei Darussalam, Iraq and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

13th meeting

Advancement of women [112]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session for the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [113]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items and heard an introductory statement by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women.

The Officer-in-Charge of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women also made introductory statements.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Deputy Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women responded to questions raised by the representatives of Belgium, India, Benin, Cuba and Algeria.

The Secretary of the Committee further responded to a question raised by the representative of India.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey and Iceland), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), China and the Russian Federation.

The representative of the World Bank also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, would be the coordinator of the consultations on the traditional Chairman's draft resolution on item 113.

The Chairman made a statement in connection with the late issuance of the report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the United Nations and the Committee subsequently agreed to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 112 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 October. However, the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 113 would be Monday, 22 October.

The Chairman also announced that the Committee would aim to take action on the following draft proposals on Thursday, 18 October, in the afternoon: under item 27: A/C.3/56/L.11; under item 108: A/C.3/56/L.2 in conjunction with A/C.3/56/L.7, L.8, L.9 and L.10; under item 109: A/C.3/56/L.3, L.6, L.13 and L.14.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, Canada and New Zealand), the United States, Pakistan, Norway, Singapore, the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN Countries), Indonesia, Morocco, the Russian Federation, China, the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Kenya, Cuba and Thailand.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

12th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123] *(A/56/6 and Corr.1, introduction and fascicles 1-33 and income sections 1-3, A/56/7 and A/56/16)*

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Guyana, India, Egypt, the Philippines (on behalf of the Group of ASEAN Countries), Myanmar and Ghana.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT
Resumed third session 5th meeting

Address by the President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development

The President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, on behalf of the Food and Agricultural Organization and the World Food Programme, addressed the Preparatory Committee.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 201

1960th and 1961st meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the fifth periodic report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and overseas territories (CCPR/C/UK/99/5 and CCPR/C/UKOT/99/5).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties. Vienna, 23 May 1969

Accession: Viet Nam (10 October 2001)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Bosnia and Herzegovina (11 October 2001)*

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Monaco (16 October 2001)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Portugal (16 October 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (17 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Nicaragua (17 October 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Burkina Faso (17 October 2001)

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

TREATY EVENT _ FOCUS ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.),

including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 18 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Global Security in the 21st Century: Human, Environmental, Military." The briefing will be held on *today*, 18 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). Members of delegations, Secretariat Staff and the media are also invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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World Food Day 2001

There will be an observance of World Food Day 2001 on the theme "Fight Hunger to Reduce Poverty" *today*, 18 October 2001, from 12 noon (following the adjournment of the meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Financing for Development) to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Statements will be delivered by the Acting President of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Murari Raj Sharma, on behalf of the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Kofi Annan, the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Dr. Jacques Diouf, and Mr. George S. McGovern, former Ambassador of the United States to FAO, who will deliver the keynote address. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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New stamps and souvenir sheets

Today, 18 October 2001, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of 6 commemorative stamps and three souvenir sheets on the theme "50th Anniversary of the United Nations Postal Administration". The stamps will be issued in denominations of 34 cents, 80 cents, Sw F 0.90, Sw F 1.30, S 7/euro 0.51 and S 8/euro 0.58. The denominations of the souvenir sheets will be $2.00, Sw F 3.10 and S 28/euro 2.04.

The new stamps, souvenir sheets and first-day covers can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today*, 18 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. In addition, first day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a counter outside of the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building during the same hours. Details about the new issue is available in information circular ST/IC/2001/75.

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Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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